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For a concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents, the Examiner is referred to the English abstracts and, in the case of Kokai 6-197213, to the counterpart U.S. Patent 5,861,961.

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Respectfully submitted,



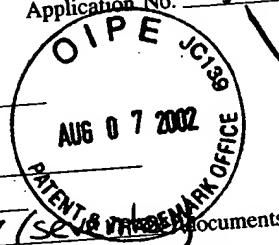
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